

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2006
(Approved August 21, 2006)

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 7, 2006. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert Preston W. Atlee Rinehart, John Doering, Jr. Timothy Roland, and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also, in attendance were Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor, and Brady Flaharty of ARRO Consulting, Inc. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of June 12, 2006

Approval of the June 12, 2006 zoning meeting minutes has been tabled due to incompleteness.

Minutes of June 26, 2006

Mr. Rinehart moved to grant conditional approval of the June 26, 2006 zoning meeting minutes. It was requested that clarifications be placed in the minutes. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. Mr. Roland abstained due to his absence at the June 26, 2006 zoning meeting. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote.

Minutes of July 17, 2006

Mr. Doering moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2006 workshop meeting as amended. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Roland abstained due to his absence at the July 17, 2006 workshop meeting. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote. Amendment being under subheading, TDR's and EDU's, the sentence shall read "Discussion of TDR's and EDU's was tabled until the Township Solicitor has reviewed all agreements pertaining to TDR's.

Minutes of July 24, 2006

Mr. Roland moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2006 zoning meeting as amended. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote. Amendment being under subheading, Public Comments, note that the Mr. Colona is to be notified of the charges, under subheading, Auditor Meeting, in the last sentence change 'budget preparation' to 'accounting'.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Gail Brown of Sanatoga Road submitted to the township tire removal information to post on the township website.

Ms. Brown also noted concerns regarding the disrepair, trespassing and ATV traffic at Fricks Locks. The Township Solicitor is to prepare a letter to PECO regarding the state of the buildings at Fricks Locks. The Board of Supervisors may schedule a meeting with PECO to discuss Fricks Locks.

Mr. Roger Kolb noted that the Peck's on Anderson Road have concerns about the truck traffic from EP Henry hitting their bank. The Board of Supervisors requested the Township write a letter to the industries on Anderson Road regarding damage caused by the truck traffic.

3. REPORTS

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

There was a review of the reports from various departments and committees.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the reports from various departments and committees. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Doering moved to approve the fund balances report, budget summary report \$1M loan report as presented omitting Code Inspections, Inc. report. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote. It was requested that complaints be placed on the Code Inspection, Inc. report instead of permits and setback issues.

Fund Balances Report

Fund	Checking	Money Market	CDs	Total
General	\$52,730.19	\$379,584.62		\$432,314.81
Capital Reserve		\$16,338.08		\$16,338.08
Highway Aid	\$1,254.02	\$128,922.85		\$130,176.87
Sewer Fund	\$5,811.79	\$23,440.68		\$29,252.47
Traffic Impact Fee Fund	\$1,123.84	\$347,001.17		\$348,125.01
Police Safety	\$3,316.50		\$2,500.93	\$5,817.43
Water Users	\$1,721.42			\$1,721.42
TOTAL				\$963,746.09

4. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Project: Freigh Subdivision

Applicant: Benjamin Freigh, Jr.

Mr. Benjamin Freigh, Jr. was present. There was a brief discussion regarding the road widening in front of the Freigh Subdivision on South Keim Street. Mr. Rinehart moved to eliminate the 2' road widening to allow for no road widening of the Freigh Subdivision. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. Mr. Preston and Mrs. Miller opposed. The vote carried with a 3-2-0 vote.

Project: Woodcrest Estates II

Applicant: The Nolen Group

Mr. Robert Irick of Irick, Eberhardt & Mientus was present. There was a brief discussion regarding the Woodcrest Estates II subdivision and land development plan. Mr. Roland noted speed concerns and inquired if speed bumps could be alternative for traffic control. It was noted that the road already curves which could cause decreased speeds and speed bumps are not suitable for fire trucks and emergency vehicles and they make plowing very difficult and can cause harm to the plow trucks.

Mr. Doering moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-27 granting sketch plan approval for Woodcrest Estates II. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Roland opposed. The motion carried with a 4-1-0 vote.

Project: Bethel Church Road Subdivision Applicant: Bethel Church Road Estates, LP
Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Adjustment No. 1 to the Financial Security for Bethel Church Road Subdivision to be increased by \$46,972.45. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

There was a discussion regarding the driveways at the Coventry Glen townhouse development. Mr. Matt Arnoldy and Mr. Andrew McReynolds represented Ryan Homes. Mr. Doering moved to allow the Ryan Homes' driveways to be ½' from the property lines. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote. The applicant is to provide documentation from their solicitor to this respect and the plans must be revised and re-recorded and such changes are to be reflected in the as-builts.

There was a discussion regarding the trap vents of the homes NV Homes are building. It was requested NV Homes submit a re-worked design to the Building Inspector for review. The vent and cleanouts located in the driveway have to be eliminated. The plan and vent issue is to be resolved by August 21, 2006.

Project: Coventry Self Storage

Applicant: Roland Elliott

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Escrow Release No. 2 for the amount of \$44,984.92 and Escrow Release No. 3 for the amount of \$30,991.90 for Coventry Self Storage. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

2006 Road Materials

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2006 Road Materials bids. Mr. Preston noted that he felt that not taking the lowest bidder could be a violation of the Pennsylvania bidding laws. The Township Solicitor is to investigate the PennDot requirements.

Mr. Preston noted that the specifications of Page 3 of the bid package regarding the lowest responsible bidder defines how the township awards the contract, this was read into the minutes then Mr. Kolb was asked if either bidder had any character, integrity, reputation, or judgment problems and Mr. Kolb responded 'no' and they were all equal. Mr. Preston noted the motion that was made with a 3-2 roll call vote, Mr. Roland, Mr. Doering and Mr. Rinehart voted 'yea' and Mr. Preston and Mrs. Miller voted 'nay', Mr. Preston noted that himself and Mrs. Miller felt that the bid was incorrect noted he would forward the bid information to the proper authorities for review.

Mr. Doering requested the Township Solicitor review bidding laws and PennDot rules. The Township Solicitor noted it was his understanding that the Township Manager would look into the PennDot rules. The Township Solicitor was authorized to investigate the bidding laws and PennDot rules.

Mr. Rinehart moved to accept the bid award recommendation made by the Public Works Supervisor specifying Haines & Kibblehouse as the successful bidder. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. Mr. Preston and Mrs. Miller opposed. The vote carried with a 3-2-0 vote.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Michael Coine inquired about the deficit that was discussed at the July 24, 2006 meeting with the auditors. The Township Manager explained that developers do not pay their bills in a timely manner, therefore, causing a deficit because the consultants need to be paid. It was suggested that future agreements contain the requirement to post escrows with the township so a deficit is not caused by delinquent developer payments.

Mr. Rinehart commended the road crew, fire company, police department and administrative staff for their assistance during the recent storms.

It was noted that \$1,000 would be added to the emergency supplies budget for 2007.

Mr. Preston noted a weed violation at 1225 Kulp Road and inquired about the trailer behind the house at 329 Sanatoga Road, the trailer in front of the house at 315 Sanatoga Road and

boarding house issues at 461 Sanatoga Road. The Township Manager noted that citations are being processed. Mr. Preston also noted concerns of sign violations on Route 724 and requested a summary of the trip log from the 8 hours the Code Official is to be spending observing violations in the township.

Mrs. Miller requested the Mr. Paul Martin get a response from the Code Official as soon as possible regarding his recent letter concerning the kennels.

Mr. Doering moved to approve the resolution presented concerning the PennVest financing. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mr. Doering moved to approve the fire police request for September 16, 2006 at Towpath Park. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Doering moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 10:15 p.m. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie C. Miller
Township Secretary